

GODS OF WAR 3

MARVEL



CIVIL
WAR II

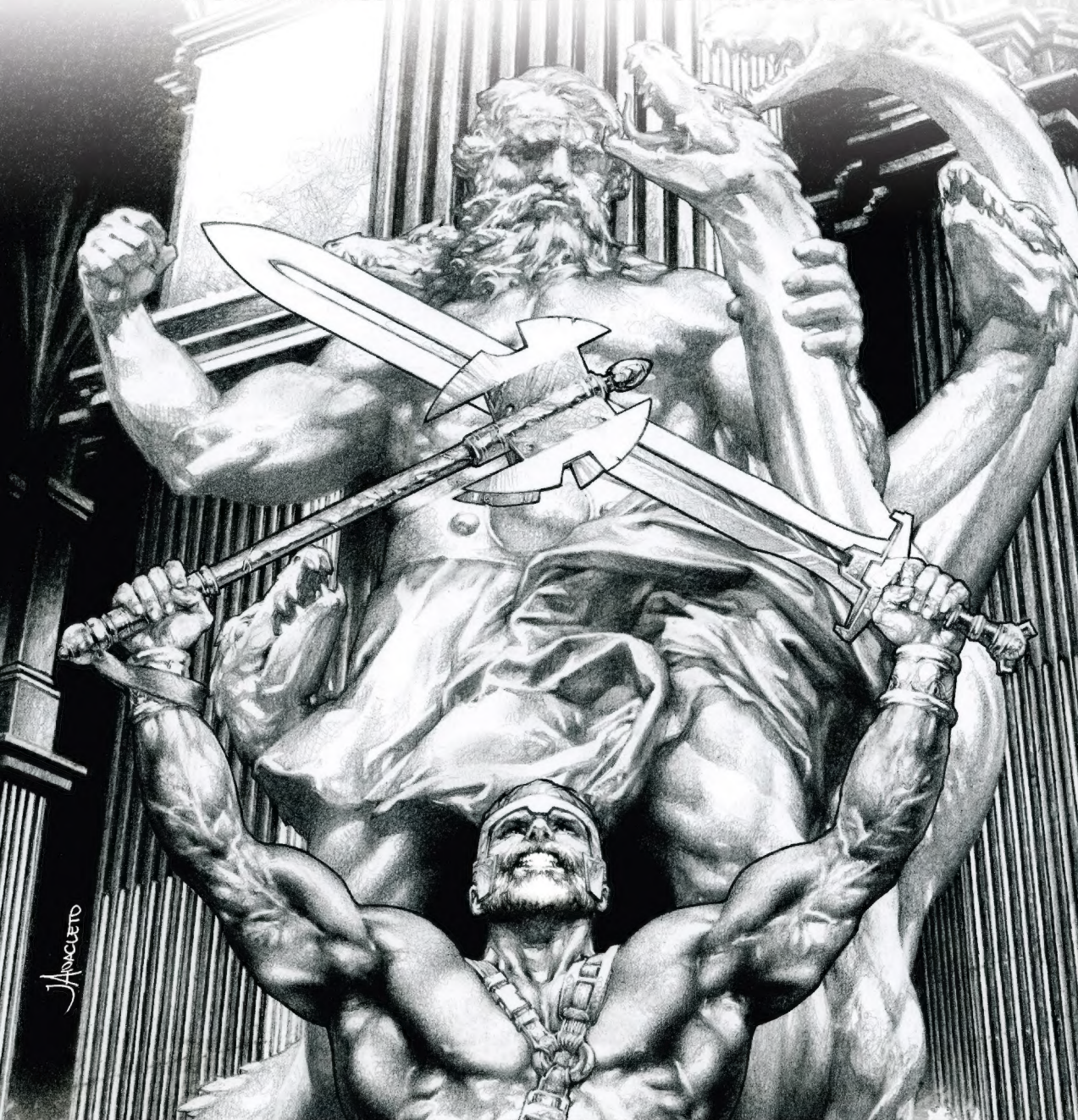
ABNETT
LAISO
GURU-eFX

MANCETTO
+ ROM!

IN ANCIENT DAYS, HERCULES WAS THE GREATEST HERO OF ALL. THROUGH HIS DEEDS AND COURAGE, HE BECAME FAMOUS AND BELOVED ACROSS THE KNOWN WORLD. HE WAS THE WORLD'S FIRST SUPER HERO AND SET THE STANDARD FOR ALL HEROES THAT CAME AFTER HIM.

BUT IN THE MODERN WORLD, IMMORTAL HERCULES HAS DONE LITTLE BUT ENJOY HIS FAME AND CELEBRITY. HE HAS BECOME NOTORIOUS FOR HIS DRUNKEN ANTICS, HIS UNRULY BEHAVIOR AND HIS DEBAUCHED LIFESTYLE. THE SUBJECT OF GOSSIP AND SCANDAL, HE HAS BECOME AN IRRELEVANCE.

HERCULES HAS BEGUN TO CLEAN UP HIS ACT AND RESTORE HIS REPUTATION, BUT A MYSTERIOUS THREAT CALLED THE UPRISING STORM HAS DESCENDED ON HIS CITY. WITH THE HEROES OF THE WORLD LOCKED IN A CIVIL WAR, HERCULES FINDS HIMSELF FACING THE STORM ALONE. RECRUITING OTHER HEROES OF OLD, HE TAKES THE FIGHT TO THE STORM. BUT THE STORM HAS CURSED HERCULES WITH THEIR BRAND. BERSERK, HE HAS FINALLY BECOME THEIR GOD OF CHAOS AND DESTRUCTION...



ASTORIA,
QUEENS.
RIGHT NOW...

RRRRRAAGGHHHHH!

THE CURSE
HERCULES! IT
IS THE STORM'S
CURSE DOING
THIS TO YOU!

GRAB
HIS ARMS,
GILGAMESH!

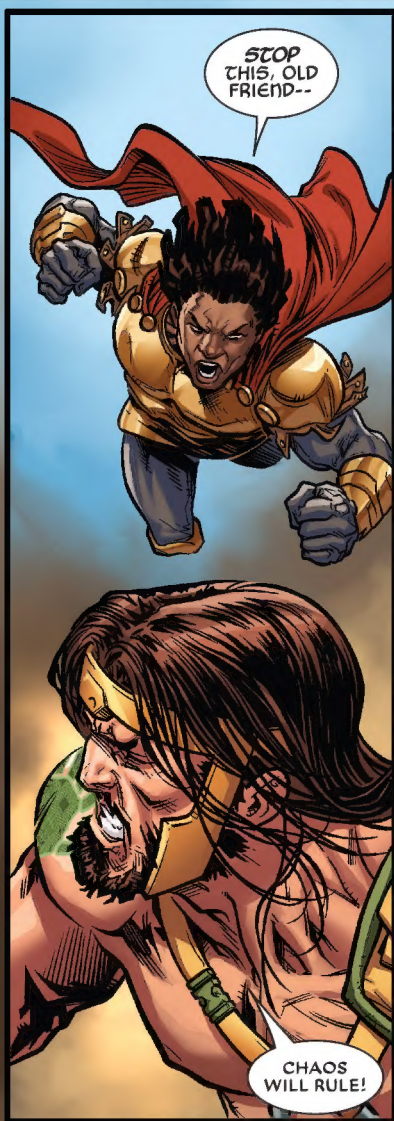
EASIER
SAID THAN
DONE,
SIGURD!

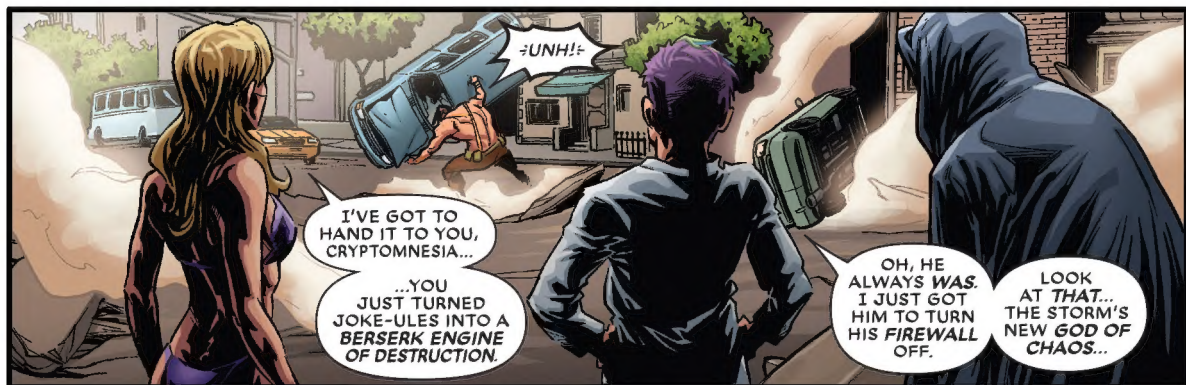
HERAK!
ENOUGH!

STOP
IT!

BEOWULF!
HELP US!

BLEEDIN'
OLYMPIANS...
ALWAYS ACTING
UP...





I'VE GOT TO HAND IT TO YOU, CRYPTOMNESIA...

...YOU JUST TURNED JOKE-ULES INTO A BERSERK ENGINE OF DESTRUCTION.

UNH!

OH, HE ALWAYS WAS. I JUST GOT HIM TO TURN HIS FIREWALL OFF.

LOOK AT THAT... THE STORM'S NEW GOD OF CHAOS...



...AT THIS RATE, HORRORSOPE, HE'LL LEVEL THE BOROUGH IN LESS THAN AN HOUR.

AND IT'S ABOUT TO GET REALLY CRAY-CRAY.

WHY?

JUST WATCH...



BOOM

RRRAAGHHHH!

COME ON, HERC! YOU KNOW THE UPPER FLOOR OF THAT BUILDING IS A TOW AWAY ZONE.

YOU CAN'T LEAVE YOUR CAR THERE.



GRRRNHHH?

FWWWPPP

AND SPEAKING OF TOWED...



ZZZZPPP

GN-NAAAAHHH!

...TOE
THE LINE
ALREADY.

BE
CAREFUL,
SPIDER-MAN.
HE'S STILL
ANGRY.

HEY, I'D
BE ANGRY, TOO,
IF I'D BEEN ROCKING
A MAN-BUN IN PUBLIC
AND NONE OF YOU
HAD TAKEN ME
ASIDE FOR A
QUICK WORD.

SPIDEY,
QUIT IT.

HERC, WHAT
THE HECK ARE
YOU DOING?

FRIENDS AND FOES

DAN ABNETT
WRITER

EMILIO LAISO
ART

GURU-4FX
COLOR ART

VC'S JOE SABINO
LETTERS

JAY ANACLETO & ROMULO FAJARDO, JR.
COVER

ACO & ROMULO FAJARDO, JR.
COVER

CHRISTINA HARRINGTON
ASSISTANT EDITOR

KATIE KUBERT
EDITOR

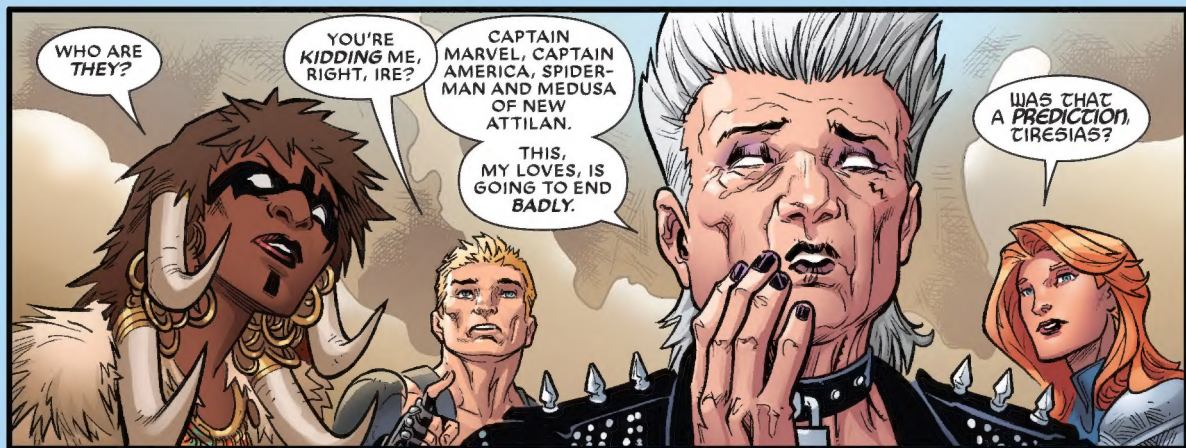
AXEL ALONSO
EDITOR IN CHIEF

JOE GUESADA
CHIEF CREATIVE OFFICER

DAN BUCKLEY
PUBLISHER

ALAN FINE
EXEC PRODUCER

HERCULES CREATED BY STAN LEE AND JACK KIRBY

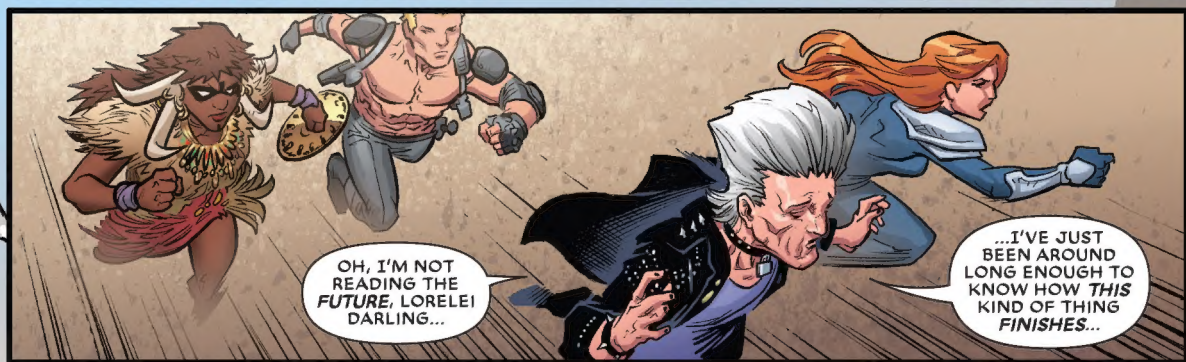


WHO ARE THEY?

YOU'RE KIDDING ME, RIGHT, IRE?

CAPTAIN MARVEL, CAPTAIN AMERICA, SPIDER-MAN AND MEDUSA OF NEW ATILAN.
THIS, MY LOVES, IS GOING TO END BADLY.

WAS THAT A PREDICTION, TIRESIAS?



OH, I'M NOT READING THE FUTURE, LORELEI DARLING...

...I'VE JUST BEEN AROUND LONG ENOUGH TO KNOW HOW THIS KIND OF THING FINISHES...

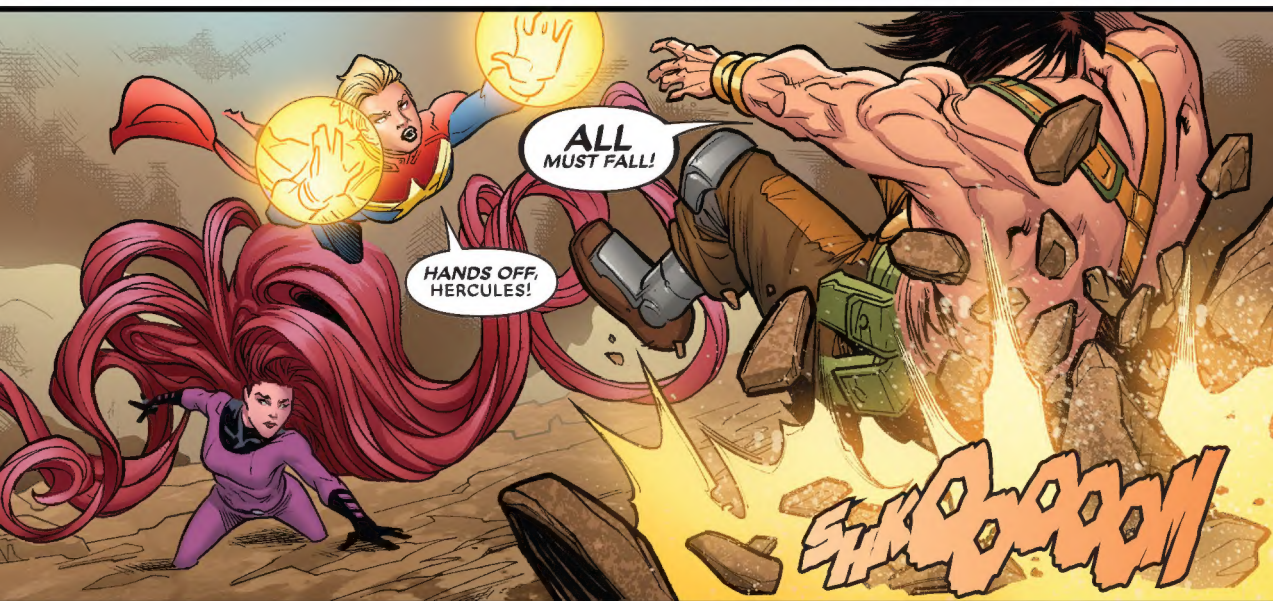
"...WITH PEOPLE GETTING HURT."

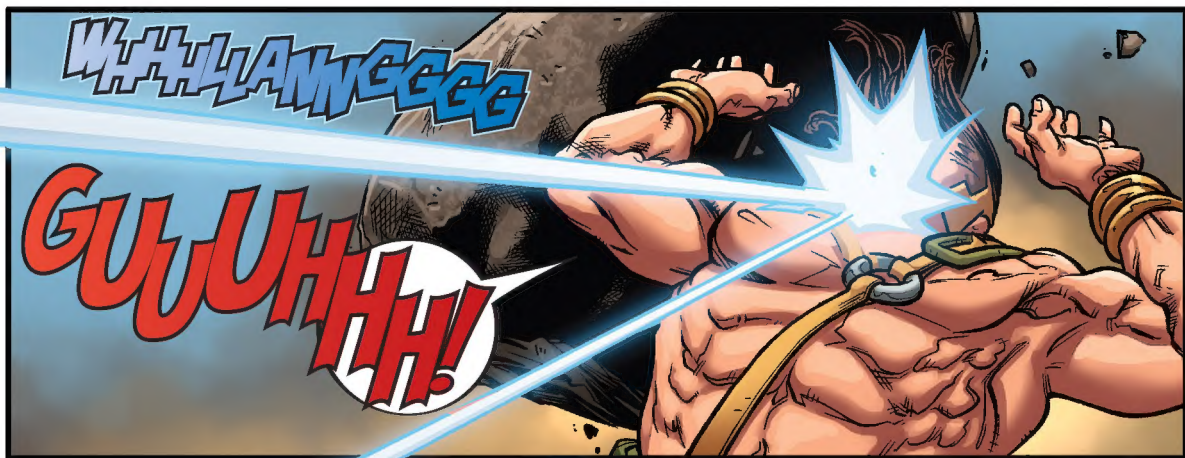


HEY THERE, HERC!
ROUGH NIGHT, WAS IT?

INSECT, I WILL CRUSH YOU.







WAAAAAAAAAAAAAGG

ALL MUST
FALL! THIS
WORLD IS TOO
SICK TO LIVE!



UGHH!

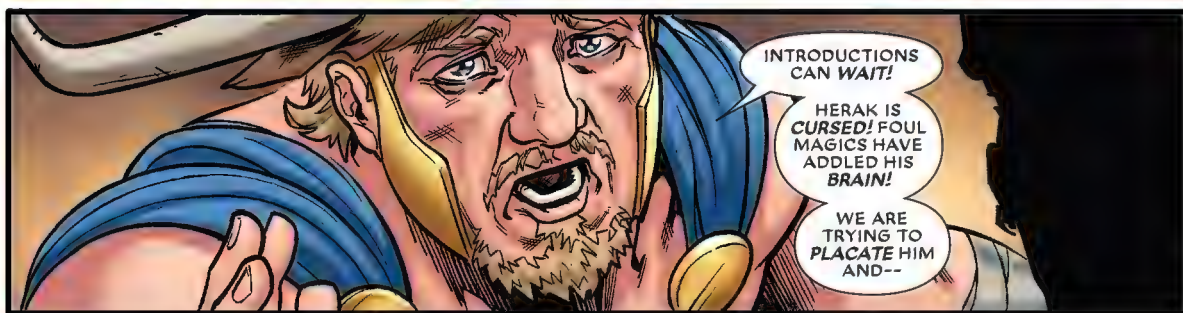
CAROL!
THERE'S NO
REASONING
WITH HIM!

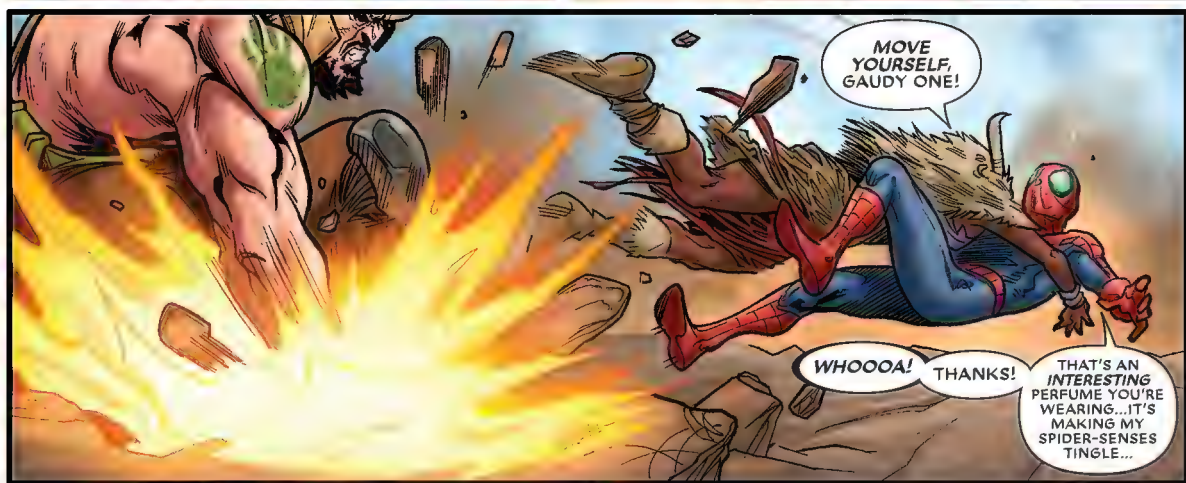
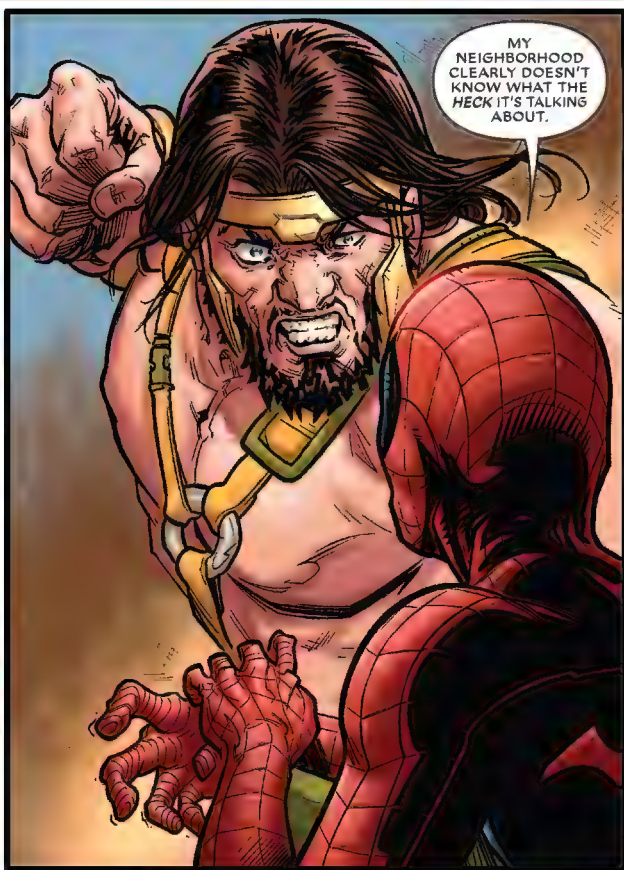
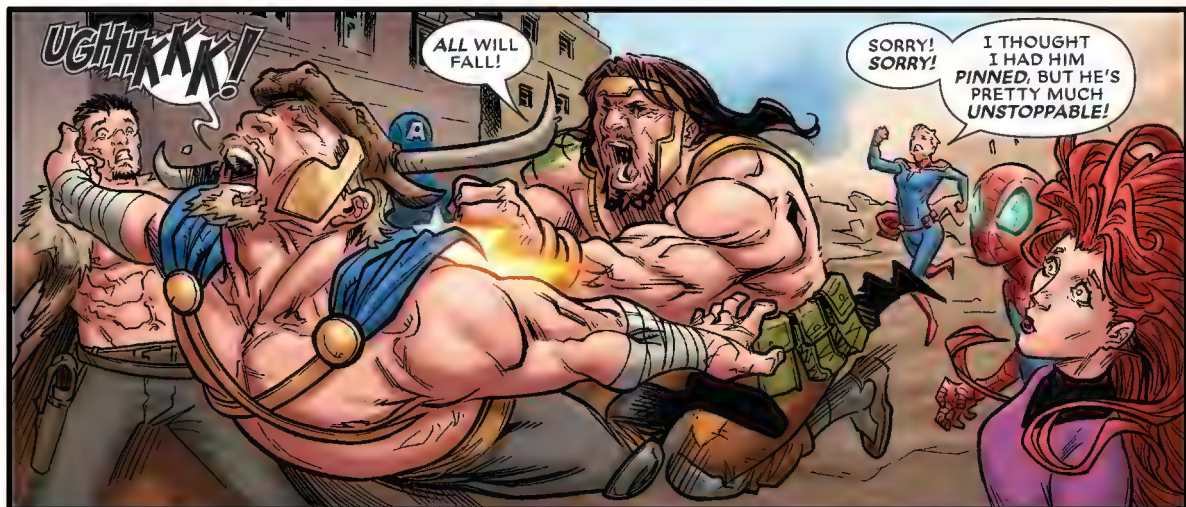
HE'S LOST
CONTROL, AND
I DON'T JUST
MEAN HE HAD ONE
TOO MANY LAST
NIGHT!

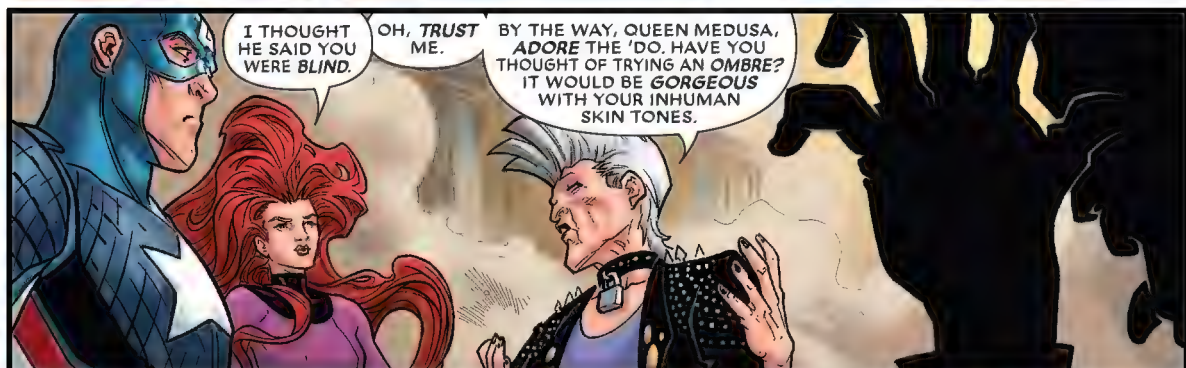
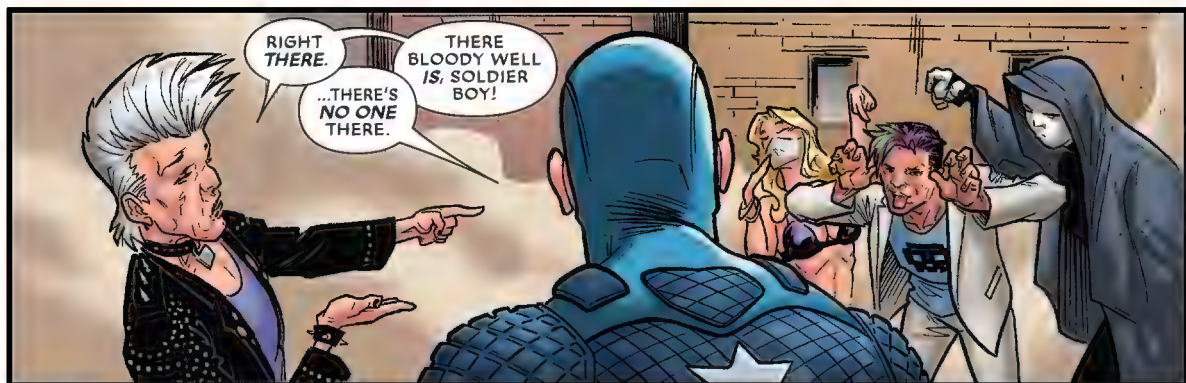
THIS ISN'T
THE HERC WE
KNOW! NOT EVEN
ON HIS WORST
DAY!

THEN
THE GLOVES
COME OFF.











AAHH!

HE JUST PUNCHED OUT SIGURD, GILGAMESH.

WHAT ARE YOU SUGGESTING WE D--

WE ARE HIS FRIENDS. WE HAVE BOTH KNOWN HIM FOR YEARS.

THAT CONNECTION MAY BE THE ONLY THING HE CAN CLING ON TO.



I THINK THE LIKES OF SIGURD AND THESEUS MAY HAVE KNOWN HIM LONGER...

THAT WAS REALLY THE THESEUS?

WE WERE AVENGERS, STEVEN. THAT IS A SPECIAL BOND.

HE ALWAYS ADMIRE YOU MOST OF ALL.

AND OF LATE, HE FEELS THAT HIS FRIENDS FROM THOSE DAYS HAVE COME TO SHUN HIM.



NO, NOT AT ALL.

HE REALLY THINKS THAT?

HE'S NOT THE EASIEST GUY TO HAVE AROUND, YOU KNOW.

TELL ME ABOUT IT.

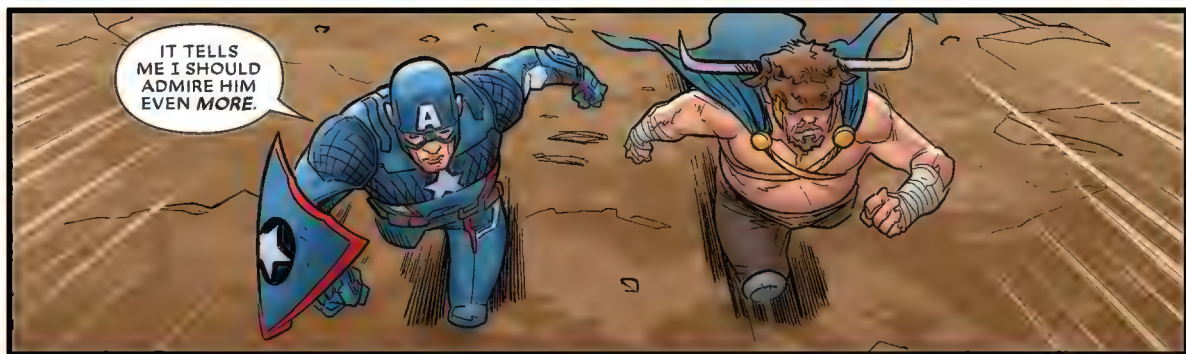


I MEAN, HE'S AN AMAZING FRIEND, AND HE'S BRAVE AS HELL.

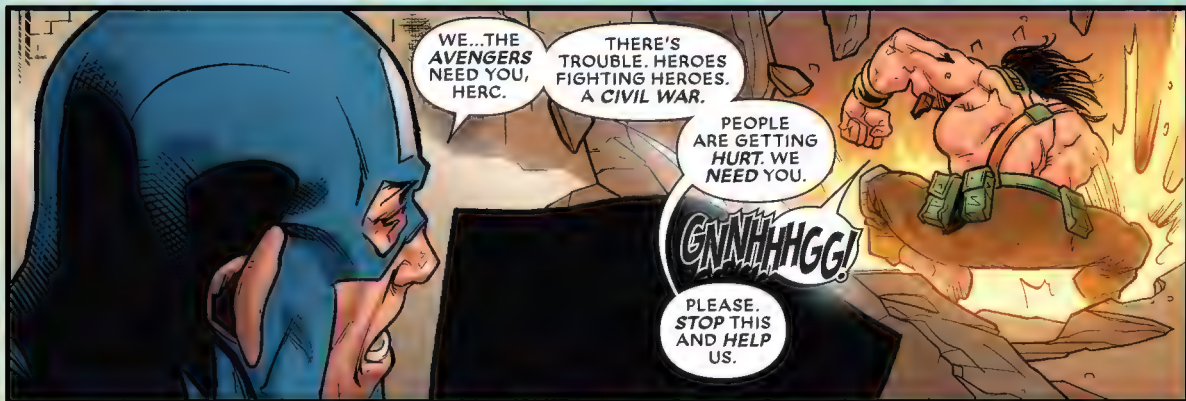
BUT HE'S... BOISTEROUS. HE DOESN'T KNOW WHEN TO QUIT.

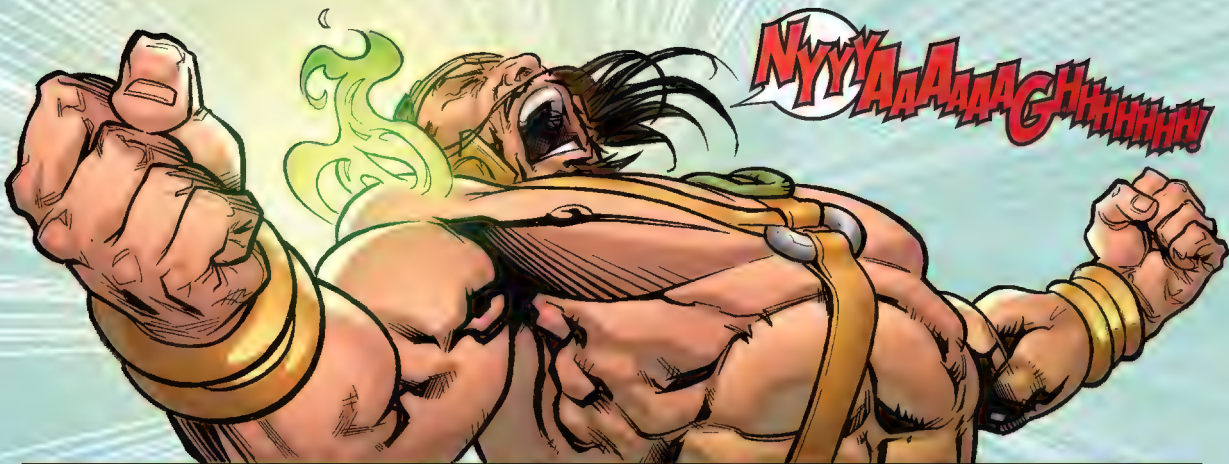
HE QUIT DRINKING.

WHAT DOES THAT TELL YOU?



IT TELLS ME I SHOULD ADMIRE HIM EVEN MORE.





NYYYAAAAAGHHHHHHH!



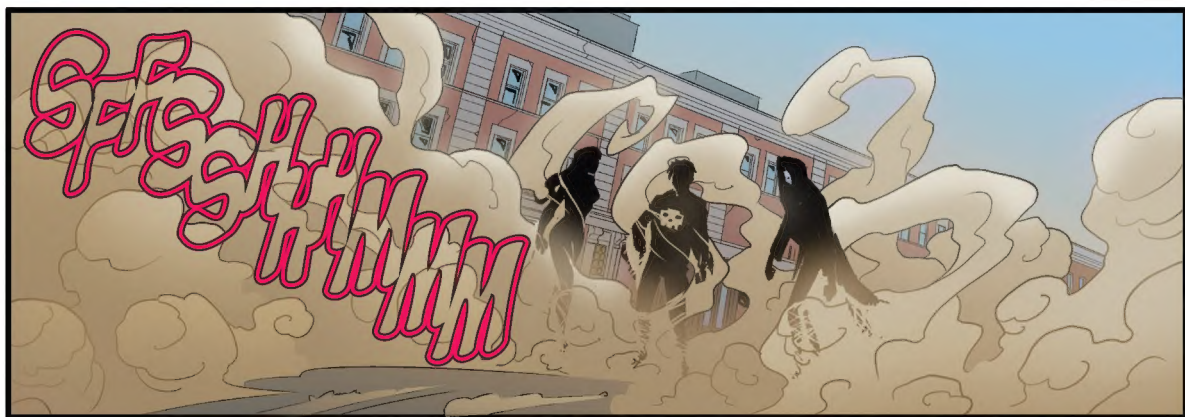
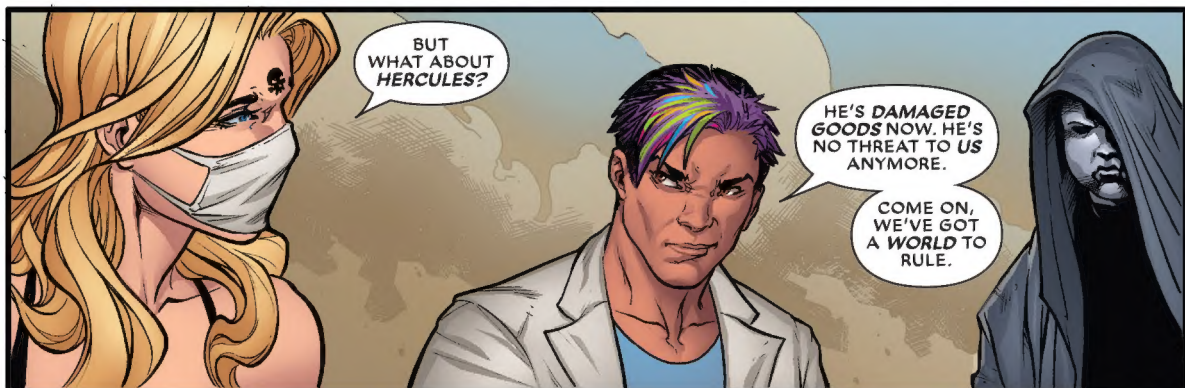
FTTZZZZZZ



NHHH...
YOU...YOU
CALLED ME...
...ABOUT
TIME.



I KNOW...
I KNOW WHAT
THEY WANT...
...I SAW
IT IN THEIR
HEADS.





FORGIVE ME.
I CAN'T...I
CAN'T BELIEVE I
DID ALL THIS.

YOU DIDN'T,
DARLING. IT WAS
THE STORM. THE
STORM ACTING
THROUGH YOU.

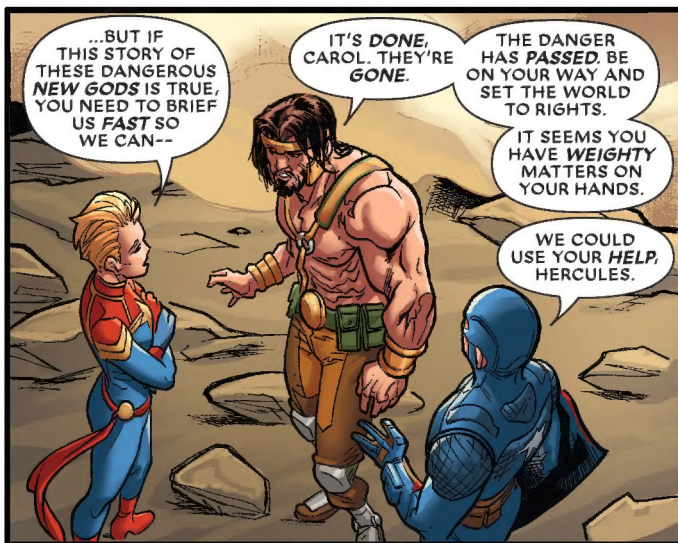
AND IT'S
OUT OF YOUR
SYSTEM NOW.



I DON'T
KNOW WHAT
ALL THIS WAS,
HERC--

AND WE DO
NOT HAVE TIME
TO UNRAVEL IT.
PRESSING MATTERS
AWAIT US.

MEDUSA'S
RIGHT...



...BUT IF
THIS STORY OF
THESE DANGEROUS
NEW GODS IS TRUE,
YOU NEED TO BRIEF
US FAST SO
WE CAN--

IT'S DONE,
CAROL. THEY'RE
GONE.

THE DANGER
HAS PASSED. BE
ON YOUR WAY AND
SET THE WORLD
TO RIGHTS.

IT SEEMS YOU
HAVE **WEIGHTY**
MATTERS ON
YOUR HANDS.

WE COULD
USE YOUR **HELP**,
HERCULES.



AND YOU
MAY HAVE IT
GLADLY.

JUST
GIVE ME A
FEW HOURS TO
RECOVER.

OKAY THEN.
I'LL SEND
S.H.I.E.L.D. IN
TO HELP WITH THE
CLEAN UP. AVENGERS
INSURANCE
WILL BE TAKING
ANOTHER
HIT.



HERC,
I'M GLAD
YOU'RE ALL
RIGHT.

BUT
TAKE A
LOOK AROUND.
YOU DID
THIS.

DON'T LET
THIS HAPPEN
AGAIN.

I SWEAR
UPON MY LIFE,
CAPTAIN.

I'M SORRY
TO SAY...WE'LL
BE WATCHING
YOU.



WHY DIDN'T YOU ACCEPT THEIR HELP?

THE STORM AIN'T GONE, 'AS IT?

IT HAS NOT, WULF.

BUT THEY CANNOT HELP US. THEY COULD NOT SEE IT.

IT WOULD KILL THEM AT A STROKE.



WE WILL FINISH THIS. THEN I WILL HELP THEM WITH THEIR CIVIL WAR.

BUT HOW? HOW DO WE--

THE STORM LOST CONTROL OF ME. THAT LOSS HAS WEAKENED THEM FOR NOW. THEY ARE VULNERABLE.

AND WE HAVE PROVEN WE CAN BREAK THE FATE THEY DECREE.



THE BRAND IS BURNED OUT. DEAD.

BUT THROUGH ITS ECHO, I STILL FEEL A LINK TO THEM.

I KNOW WHERE THEY ARE.

BUT MORE... I SAW THEM. I SAW THEIR INTENT...



...WE THOUGHT THEY HAD A PLAN. A MACHINATION OF DIVINE COMPLEXITY TO OVERTURN THE WORLD AND RULE IT.

BUT THEY DO NOT.

THEY ARE AIMLESS. INSANE. THEY WANT NOTHING EXCEPT DESTRUCTION.

THEIR GOAL IS TO COLLAPSE THIS WORLD IN FLAME AND HORROR.



IT'S TIME TO STOP THEM.

IT'S TIME TO END THEM BEFORE THEY END THE WORLD AND EVERYTHING WE LOVE.

NEXT: ASSAULT ON NEW OLYMPUS

NEXT: GODS OF WAR 4

